



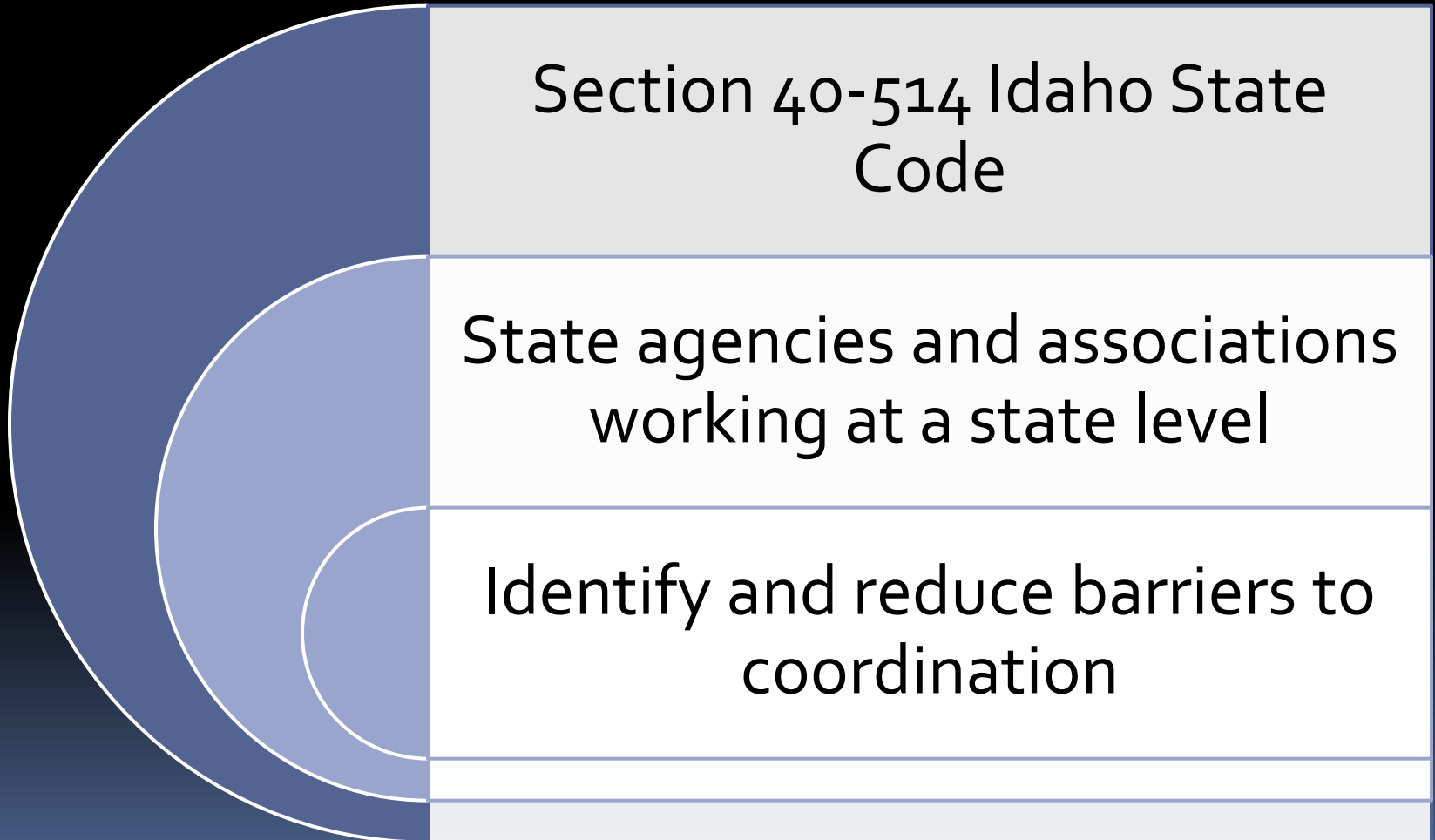
For Public Transportation Systems

# **INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP**



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# Interagency Working Group (IWG)





# Member Agencies



Idaho Transportation Department

Department of Health & Welfare

Division of Welfare

Division of Medicaid

Idaho Commission on Aging

Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

Idaho State Department of Education

Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Idaho Department of Labor

Idaho Head Start

Community Transportation Association of Idaho

State of Idaho Governor's Office

# IWG Member Agency Customers



Work force  
Commuters  
Voc-Rehab clients



Medicaid clients  
People with developmental  
disabilities  
General public



Seniors  
Students  
Head Start families  
Self Reliance clients





# Vision and Mission



## Vision:

A safe, efficient and coordinated public transportation system accessible to all Idahoans.

## Mission:

Through partnering, the IWG will provide leadership in developing coordinated, responsible and integrated public transportation systems in Idaho

# Major Initiatives

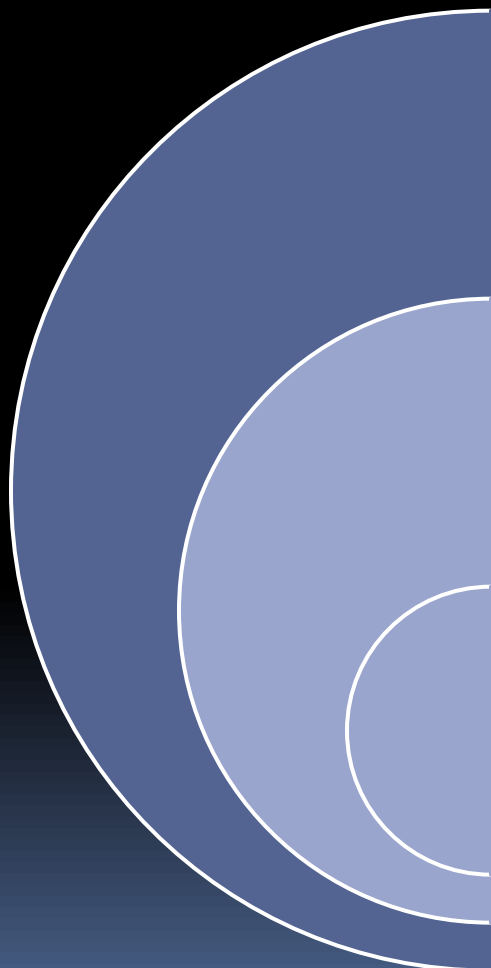


Helped facilitate initial efforts and pooled funds and resources to support District-wide coordination in District 5 via Pocatello Regional Transit

Supported efforts and endorsed a United We Ride Grant to study coordination opportunities in District 4 via Trans IV in Magic Valley

Studied opportunities and explored with school districts the opportunity to transport Medicaid clients on school buses in District 2

# Outreach Efforts



April 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IWG Coordination Meeting</li><li>• Twin Falls</li></ul>
April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IWG Statewide Coordination Conference</li><li>• Boise</li></ul>
April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IWG Coordination Forum</li><li>• Lewiston</li></ul>



# Lessons Learned

Coordination efforts that help users of the system occurs at the service area level

Effective and dedicated local leadership are key to motivating and sustaining service area coordination





# Lessons Learned

Barriers are identified through on-the-ground experience at the service area level

IWG regional counterparts must be involved at the service area level to help make coordination effective

# Barriers to Coordination

## Coordination Champion

- Dedicated local/District leadership for service area coordination and sustainability

## Funding

- Availability of match for federal funds
- No state funding
- Multiple federal funding streams

## Perception

- Stigma
- Political will
- Fear of change
- Turf
- Public awareness
- Western independence

# Barriers to Coordination

## Operations

- Schedule
- Flexibility
- Rural geography and demographics
- Medicaid reimbursement
- Infrastructure

## Cost

- Fuel
- Maintenance
- Rural challenges



# IWG Priority

*"The IWG's primary objective in 2008 is to work with the Division of Public Transportation on establishing coordinated, local leadership efforts for effecting the coordination of transportation systems."*



October 29, 2007 IWG meeting summary

# Meeting our 2008 Objective

Participate in and support IMAP

Communicate IMAP goals and objectives to regional counterparts

Encourage and expect the involvement of regional counterparts at the service area level

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Observe demonstrable improvement in client mobility by year's end



*The IWG member entities share a responsibility to our customers and to our taxpayers to use our collective resources as wisely as possible in order to provide meaningful access and mobility.*



*This responsibility supersedes turf, and it pre-empted the fear of change.*

*The IWG is committed to this endeavor.*

